turn02

UM...
ER...
scratch
scratch
OH!
AHH...
EXCUSE ME.
IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR WORK, ISN'T IT.
I'LL GO CLOCK IN!
OH, UH... SOUNDS GOOD.
THANK YOU FOR JUDGING FOR OUR GAME!
IT WAS A BIG HELP.
S-SURE, ANY TIME.
No problem.

I'M CURIOUS,
BUT I'M NOT SURE IF IT'S OKAY TO ASK ABOUT.
FIDGET
FIDGET
FIDGET
FIDGET
WHAT MADE HER DECIDE TO DO THAT?
WELCOME!
...
YES?
ICH-
ICHINOSE.
DO YOU HAVE A SECOND?
SURE!
OH!
SURE.
CARE TO...
PLAY A HAND?
for real
THAT...
?
UM.
?
...
UH,
RIGHT, SO...

THE TYPE WHO CAN'T COMMUNICATE VERY WELL UNLESS IT'S DURING A GAME
IF YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD AND FINISH UP WHATEVER YOU'RE WORKING ON FIRST THOUGH, THAT'S FINE!
UH...
DO YOU MIND IF I ASK SOMETHING?
SORRY, ICHINOSE.
SORRY.
I GUESS YOU MIGHT NOT WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT,
BUT I KEPT WONDERING WHY YOU DID THAT EARLIER.
SO I FIGURED I'D ASK.
NO, THAT'S ONLY FAIR.
THE TRUTH IS...
NO, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO THAT'S FINE.
IT'S ALRIGHT.
What was I thinking?
WAS RUDE OF ME.
ASKING FOR YOUR HELP WITHOUT EXPLAINING THE SITUATION,

I'M SORRY.
I WISH I COULD AT LEAST GIVE YOU A RAISE, BUT-
NO, NO!
JUST LETTING ME WORK HERE HAS BEEN A HUGE HELP.
OH MY
THAT'S ...
...
RARE CARD SCAM
UNDERWATER ON CARD INVESTMENT
DEBT
QUITE THE PREDICA-MENT.
YOU'VE GOT ENTRANCE EXAMS COMING UP TOO, SO I BET IT'D BE TOUGH TAKING ON MORE HOURS.
YES.
AND OUR SCHOOL FORBIDS PART TIME WORK.
EXCEPT AT CARD SHOPS.
YEAH, MOST DO.
AND ALSO,
IF I'D TOLD THE TRUTH,
THAT MY FATHER WAS BANK-RUPTED BY CARDS?
IT'S TOO EMBAR-RASSING.
COULDN'T YOU HAVE TOLD SAKURA! THE TRUTH THOUGH?
SLAP
TURN
I GET THE FEELING THAT NEITHER EITA, NOR ANYONE ELSE, WOULD HAVE WANTED TO DUEL ME.
hmmm
I SEE...
SHE DOESN'T MISS A BEAT, EVEN WHILE TALKING.

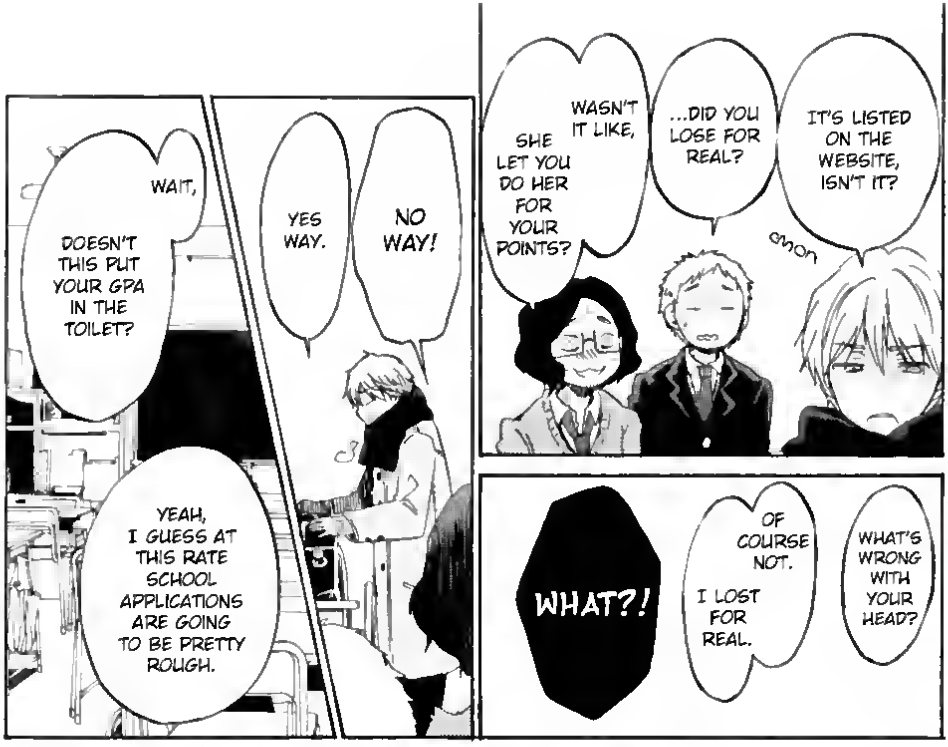
AND, I'LL ALSO COUNTER YOUR LAST SENTENCE THERE.
OUCH, NICE.
BUT STILL, I FEEL TERRIBLE I CAN'T HELP MORE...
BOSS, I'LL COUNTER THAT.
DON'T SWEAT IT.
SAYING THAT OUT LOUD WAS MORE EMBARRASSING THAN I EXPECTED.
...
GOOD GAME.
WELL, THAT'S MY LOSS.
IT'S... GOING TO BE TOUGH ON HER FOR AWHILE.
POOR GIRL.
HUSTLE
BUSTLE
YEP, ME TOO.
take your time
OKAY, I'LL GET BACK TO WORK.

HEY!
SHE'S HERE!
GOOD MORN-ING.
THE NEXT DAY
I GUESS SO.
CROWD!
DID YOU REALLY BEAT SAKURAI?
I HEARD!
YO, ICHINOSE!
REALLY?
SO IT WASN'T LIKE I WON IN A FAIR FIGHT.
AND JUST BUILT SOME-THING TO BEAT THAT.
I ALREADY KNEW WHAT WAS IN HIS DECK,
AH, BUT!
THAT'S AMAZING.
WOAH!
MUTTER
MUTTER
MUTTER

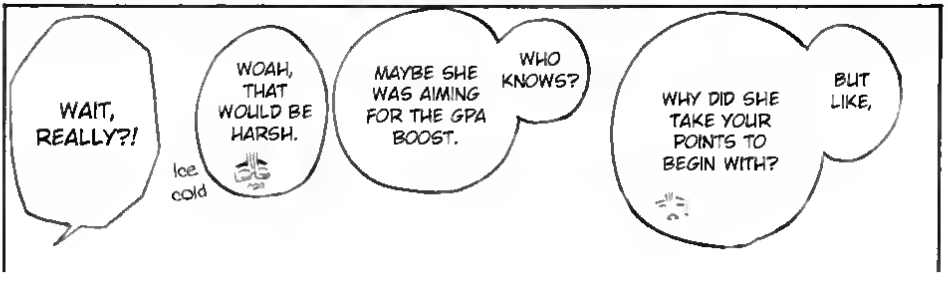
OH, CAN I SEE YOUR DECK?
I DON'T THINK,
YOU'D HAVE MUCH FUN PLAYING AGAINST ME.
ME TOO!
CROWD
CROWD
CROWD
AH,
I WANNA TAKE A LOOK TOO IF THAT'S COOL.
HEY
WOULD YOU PLAY A ROUND WITH ME?
BUT STILL, WINNING AGAINST SAKURAI.
That's impressive
...
...DUNNO.
IS THAT.
WHAT.
...
FAWN
DOTE
FAWN
DOTE
FAWN
DOTE
HUH!?
YOU DID YOURS?
NO BIG
YOU CAN JUST COPY OFF MINE.
SORRY.
SORRY.
I FORGOT TO DO MY MATH HOMEWORK...

YOU IDIOT!
BAHAHAHA
AHAHAHA
EH!?
THEN DON'T SAY THAT!
OF COURSE I DIDN'T.
NO WAY
NO WAY

HEY, EITA!
JEEZ, WHAT? CHILL OUT.
DID YOU REALLY LOSE TO ICHINOSE!?
MORNIN.
AH!


IT'S LISTED ON THE WEBSITE, ISN'T IT?
...DID YOU LOSE FOR REAL?
WASN'T IT LIKE, SHE LET YOU DO HER FOR YOUR POINTS?
anon
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR HEAD?
OF COURSE NOT. I LOST FOR REAL.
WHAT?!
NO WAY!
YES WAY.
WAIT, DOESN'T THIS PUT YOUR GPA IN THE TOILET?
YEAH, I GUESS AT THIS RATE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS ARE GOING TO BE PRETTY ROUGH.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING MAN?
US TWO WERE ONLY ABLE TO GET THIS FAR BY MOOCHING OFF YOUR REPUTATION AS THE NUMBER ONE SHIKOKU MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAYER.
WHAT DO I DO IF MY GIRLFRIEND DUMPS ME NOW!?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW!?


BUT LIKE, WHY DID SHE TAKE YOUR POINTS TO BEGIN WITH?
WHO KNOWS? MAYBE SHE WAS AIMING FOR THE GPA BOOST.
WOAH, THAT WOULD BE HARSH.
Ice cold
WAIT, REALLY?!

YEAH...
I GUESS.
YOU HAVE HURRY AND TAKE THEM BACK!
ICHINOSE TOOK ALL OF EITA'S POINTS TO IMPROVE HER HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.
WHAT!?
THAT'S SO MEAN!
...
WHAT NOW?
WHAT HAPPENED?
What's up?
Morning!
...
Can you believe it?
That's horrible.
DING DONG
DANG DONG
LUNCH BREAK
MANAKA!
DOES THE COURTYARD WORK?
OH, SURE.
LET'S HAVE LUNCH.
Y'KNOW, MANAKA,

SORRY...
I TRUSTED YOU!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US HOW STRONG YOU WERE!?
NOTE!
THE GIRLS IN CLASS TEND TO FORM CLIQUES BASED ON THEIR WS SKILL LEVELS.
...UH HUH.
I'VE GOT A LOT OF STUFF I WANT TO ASK YOU ABOUT.
I...
WAS TAUGHT HOW TO PLAY BY SOMEONE WITH A WEIRD PLAYSTYLE,
AND SO,
THAT'S HOW I PLAY WHEN I PLAY TO WIN, AND IT'S NOT FUN FOR EITHER SIDE.
SO I LOST INTEREST IN PLAYING ALTOGETHER.
IT'S OKAY.
I'M SO SORRY!
Ack!
AHH...
...
MY MOTHER...
WHO TAUGHT YOU?
"WEIRD?"
I'M REALLY SORRY.

...
YEAH, YOU TWO WERE HITTING IT OFF PRETTY WELL.
MANAKA, YOU LIKE SAKURAI, RIGHT?
SO I WAS WONDERING WHY-
IT KIND OF RUINED THE ATMOSPHERE IN CLASS.
STILL, WHY DID YOU GO AND TAKE SAKURAI'S POINTS?
I MEAN,
SORRY.
AYANO!
AND NOW WE'RE PRETTY DEEP IN DEBT...
MY DAD FELL FOR THAT RARE CARD SCAM,
WHY?
MONEY?
WE... REALLY NEED THE MONEY.
I NEED TO COMPETE IN THE NEXT GRAND PRIX SHIKOKU...
SO I DON'T REALLY WANT TO GO AROUND TELLING PEOPLE...
Right?
I DON'T THINK EVEN MY GRANDPA WOULD FALL FOR THAT ONE...
THAT SCAM?
THAT'S SOMEHOW WORSE THAN LOSING IT ALL AT PACHINKO...
Ouch.
IN DEBT OVER CARDS.
UH HUH...

SORRY
I HAD YOU WORRIED about me
NOT SURE WHAT TO SAY...
I'M...
AH... I SEE...
OH!
YEAH!
THANKS.
RIGHT.
NO, IT'S FINE, YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!
I CAN ONLY PLAY THAT ONE ANNOYING STYLE.
LIKE I SAID,
AH, BUT,
WE'LL BE FRIENDS WITH A CELEBRITY!
That'd be neat
IF YOU TOP 8 YOU'LL BE FAMOUS.
OH YEAH!
INTRODUCE US TO SOME COOL GUYS!
IF YOU PLACE WELL AT THE TOURNAMENT
SO IT'S LIKE, ONLY PEOPLE OVER A CERTAIN SKILL LEVEL WOULD MIND.
that happens
I THINK JUST BEING STRONG IS PLENTY IMPRESSIVE.
AT LEAST FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE BAD AT WS, LIKE US
YOU THINK?
I'D PROBABLY MORE INFAMOUS THAN FAMOUS.

I feel sad for him though.
IT'S FINE.
WHEN I DECIDED TO TAKE HIS POINTS.
BUT, I PREPARED MYSELF FOR THAT,
I SEE, I SEE.
...
AYANO! DON'T SAY THAT!
SINCE HE'S PLENTY GOOD.
I GUESS THAT MEANS IT'S OVER WITH SAKURAI THOUGH.
NO, SHE'S RIGHT.
THANKS YOU TWO...
MOVED
!
WELL, WE'RE SUPER WEAK.
RIGHT! WE'LL STILL LIKE YOU!
Don't worry!
I GUESS SO.
AYANO!
SO DON'T FEEL TOO BAD ABOUT IT.
AND WELL, YOU AND SAKURAI WOULD HAVE FALLEN OUT SOONER OR LATER ANYWAY,
hahaha

AFTER SCHOOL
SAKURAI!
SHE KNEW WHAT YOU WERE PLAYING AND BUILT A BUSTER DECK FOR IT, RIGHT?
AND LIED TO STEAL YOUR POINTS!
I CAN'T EVEN BELIEVE IT.
I GUESS ...
...
THAT ICHINOSE GIRL.
HOW CRUEL OF HER,
I HEARD!
WHO ARE THEY?
MM...
...
SAKURAI, DO YOU HAVE ONE OF OUR PHONE NUMBERS?
NOPE.
OH..
THANKS?
SO WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT'S IN HER DECK AND HOW SHE PLAYS!
WE'RE IN HER CLASS,
YOU'LL DUEL HER AGAIN AND TAKE THEM BACK, RIGHT?

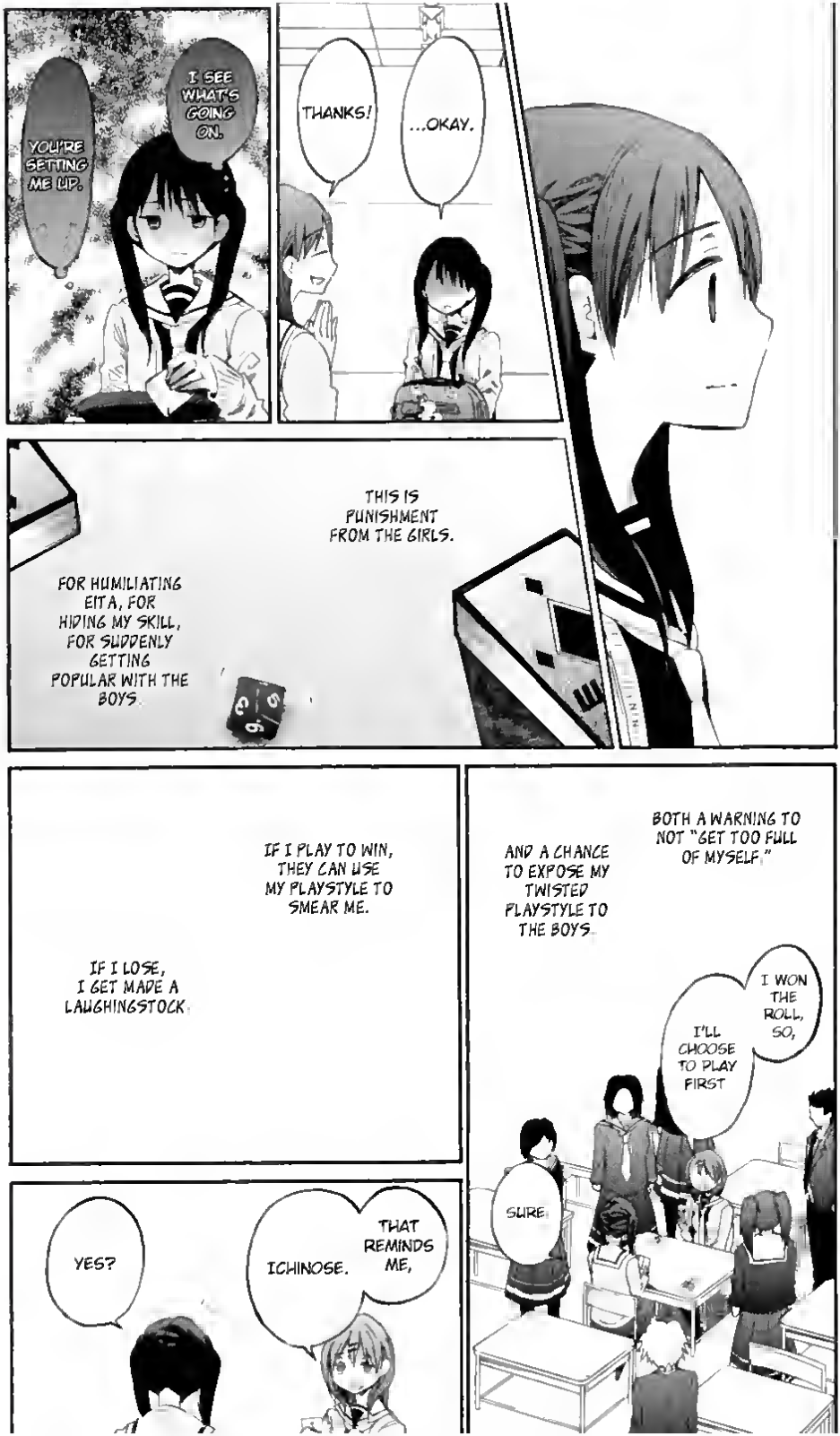
I...
REALLY LIKE WATCHING YOUR GAMES...
...
THANKS.
KOBA,
EXCHANGE NUMBERS WITH HIM.
OKAY, WELL,
OH, UH, SURE?
Ah
THANK YOU!
SENT.
...
GRIN
GRIN
I THOUGHT,
IT'D BE NICE IF I COULD HELP OUT SOME-HOW...
THANKS.
THESE GIRLS.
AND EVERYONE IN CLASS.
THEY ALL JUST ASSUME I'LL WIN, JUST LIKE THAT.
OH I GOT YOUR MAIL. I GUESS IT WORKED.
COOL.
WELL, I'VE GOT SOME STUFF TO DO, SO.
Mind if I leave?
OH, RIGHT! BYE!
SEE YOU.
GOOD LUCK!

IT'S NOT LIKE MANAKA LIED TO ME OR ANYTHING.

YOU COULD SAY "WELL, SHE LURED YOU INTO A FIGHT SHE KNEW SHE HAD THE ADVANTAGE IN,"

BUT, TO BE BLUNT, IF I'D JUST WON IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FINE. IT'S NOT LIKE I DIDN'T KNOW SHE KNEW MY DECK.

CARE TO PLAY A GAME?
smile
smile
HUH?
SORRY, ALL THE DECKS I HAVE ON ME ARE ONES LIKE
PERMISSION, LOCKDOWN, CONTROL,
THAT SORT OF THING-
NO PROBLEM, WHATEVER DECK IS FINE!
BUT...
I DON'T THINK IT'D BE MUCH FUN TO PLAY AGAINST..
probably pretty boring
THAT'S TOTALLY OKAY.
I JUST WANT TO TRY PLAYING AGAINST SOMEONE GOOD.
C'MON, PLEASE?
BUT...
SEE, LOOK AROUND.
glance
glance
whisper
whisper
whisper
whisper
whisper
whisper
glance
EVERYONE WANTS TO SEE YOU PLAY.
OKAY?


I SEE WHAT'S GOING ON.
YOU'RE SETTING ME UP.
THANKS!
...OKAY.
THIS IS PUNISHMENT FROM THE GIRLS.
FOR HUMILIATING EITA, FOR HIDING MY SKILL, FOR SUDDENLY GETTING POPULAR WITH THE BOYS.
IF I PLAY TO WIN, THEY CAN USE MY PLAYSTYLE TO SMEAR ME.
IF I LOSE, I GET MADE A LAUGHINGSTOCK.
BOTH A WARNING TO NOT "GET TOO FULL OF MYSELF."
AND A CHANCE TO EXPOSE MY TWISTED PLAYSTYLE TO THE BOYS.
I WON THE ROLL, SO,
I'LL CHOOSE TO PLAY FIRST
SURE.
YES?
ICHINOSE.
THAT REMINDS ME,

I HEAR YOU LOSE TO ELEMENTARY KIDS AT YOUR JOB.
WHY'S THAT?
LOSING TO CUSTOMERS ON PURPOSE?
YOU WON'T LOSE SO EASY WITH YOUR OWN DECK, RIGHT?
I MEAN, IF YOU DID, WHAT WOULD THAT SAY ABOUT SAKURAI?
...
NOT REALLY, NO. FOR THOSE GAMES,
I USE TEST DECKS MY BOSS PUT GETHER TO HOW THEY AY, SO-
OH GOOD!
THAT'S A RELIEF.
I'M... A FAN OF HIS, YOU KNOW.
...
IF THE PERSON WHO BEAT HIM WAS WEAK, I'D FEEL BAD.
...

WHETHER YOU WIN OR LOSE,
THIS IS YOUR LOSS.
IF YOU WIN, EVERYONE SEES YOUR NASTY PLAYSTYLE.
IF I WIN, I'LL HAVE PUT YOU IN YOUR PLACE.
BUT THAT'S JUST FINE BY ME.
THAT'S, PROBABLY WHAT SHE'S THINKING.

Then I'll attack with my Elite Soldier.
Draw
WE'RE WELL INTO THE MIDGAME,
AND SHE HASN'T EVEN REALLY DONE ANYTHING.
Block
Okay, end turn.
THEN I'LL ATTACK WITH THIS CREATURE.
500 DAMAGE.
AS EXPECTED, SHE'S DOING A GOOD JOB OF
KILLING OFF MY STRONGER CREATURES AND WIN CONDITIONS...
BUT THEN ALL SHE CAN DO IS PLINK AT ME WITH THAT ONE CHUMP CREATURE.
Not so hot without a buster deck, huh?
I CAST THIS,
UNTIL THE END OF MY TURN, NONE OF YOUR CREATURES CAN BLOCK.
ATTACK FOR 500.
THAT PUTS ME AT 9000 LIFE.
AND I'LL ATTACK WITH THIS CREATURE
500 DAMAGE.
EVERY TURN.
AND I'LL ATTACK WITH THIS CREATURE
500 DAMAGE.
AND SWINGING IN FOR MINIMUM DAMAGE,
BOUNCE THAT CREATURE BACK TO YOUR HAND.
AND ATTACK WITH THIS CREATURE FOR 500.
SHE'S JUST OPENING A PATH,

...
500 DAMAGE.
AND I'LL ATTACK WITH THIS CREATURE
SWING-ING...

...
500 DAMAGE.
AND I'LL ATTACK WITH THIS CREATURE
...
500 DAMAGE.
AND I'LL ATTACK WITH THIS CREATURE
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500 DAMAGE.
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...
500 DAMAGE.
AND I'LL ATTACK WITH THIS CREATURE
...
GOOD GAME.

SHE KEPT MY FIELD CLEAR WITH REMOVAL, COUNTERS, AND BOUNCE,
AND HIT ME WITH THE WEAKEST POSSIBLE CREATURE FOR A FULL 20 TURNS STRAIGHT!
WOW, THAT WAS GROSS...
SHE COULD HAVE ATTACKED WITH HER OTHER CREATURES,
AND WON WAY SOONER, TOO.
JEEZ
MUTTER
MUTTER
MUTTER
MUTTER
MUTTER
MUTTER
WELL, I NEED TO...
HEAD TO WORK NOW BYE.
CLATTER
HUH?
SLIDE
AH! COULD BE!
MAYBE SHE ALREADY KNEW WHAT DECK YOU WERE PLAYING?
THE WAY SHE ALWAYS HAD THE RIGHT REMOVAL WAS KIND OF UNNERVING, TOO.
MUTTER
MUTTER
MUTTER
MUTTER

I GET A LITTLE SELF-SATIS-FACTION,
AND ALSO,
BY MAYBE MAKING HIM LESS MAD AT ME.

Christmas SALE
I FEEL BAD FOR THOSE GIRLS.
BUT THAT LET ME SHOW OFF MY STRENGTH.
SO AT LEAST EITA'S REPUTATION AT SCHOOL WON'T BE HURT.

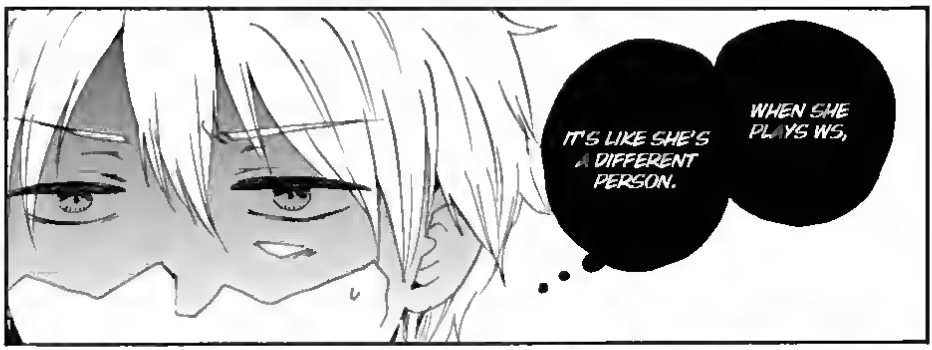
IF THAT MAKES HIM FEEL A LITTLE BETTER...
MINE WILL BE, I'M SURE, BUT,

BUT STILL, I...
THERE'S NO SAVING THAT RELATIONSHIP, I KNOW.

RIGHT, SORRY.
I THINK I'VE GOT A GOOD GRASP.
THANKS.
SAKURA!?
...OH.
ACKS COFFEE
AND LIKE,
SHE JUST KEPT PLINKING AWAY.
ISN'T THAT THE WORST?
...
I'M IN A PRETTY BAD SPOT, ACTUALLY.
I REALLY NEED TO GET SOME STUDYING IN FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAMS.
UM, SORRY.
SAKURA! WANT TO GO KARAOKE AFTER THIS?
POOR HIM.
...
THAT'S DEFINITELY ICHINOSE'S FAULT.
LATER.
SEE YOU.
SO I'MMA HEAD HOME.
BYE BYE!

NOT STANDING OUT AT SCHOOL,
ALWAYS LOSING TO ELEMENTARY KIDS AT THE STORE,
LOVES SWEETS AND CUTE STUFF,
TREASURES HER YOUNGER SISTERS

FINAL PRICE
THE LESS I UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE OTHER MANAKA
THE MORE I HEAR ABOUT HER,

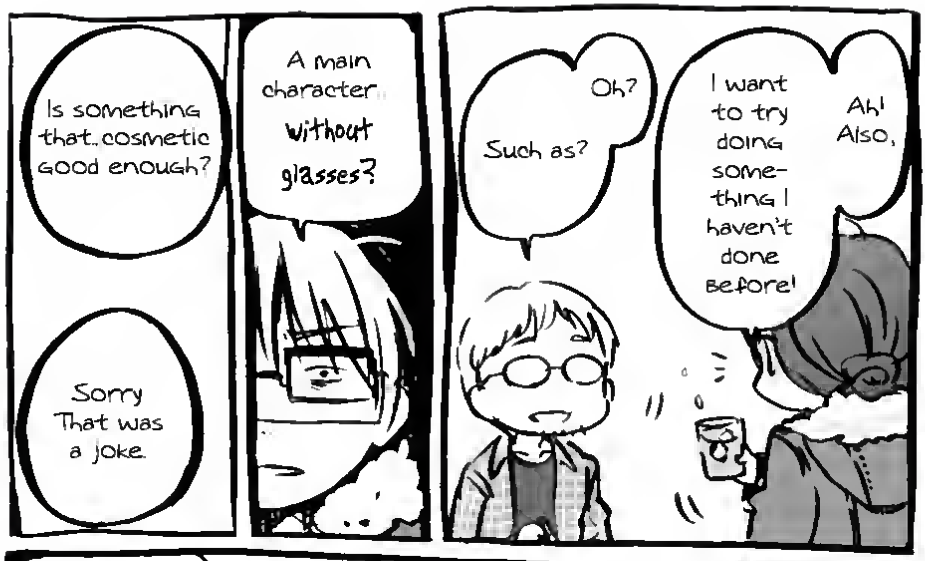

IT'S LIKE SHE'S A DIFFERENT PERSON.
WHEN SHE PLAYS WS,

...
THIS SUCKS.
Christmas SALE
KIND OF... CRUEL?
RUTHLESS?
WELL, STRONG, IN ANY CASE.

thump
thump
thump
thump
thump
thump
WHY...
AM I STARTING TO LIKE HER EVEN MORE?

HOW "WIZARD'S SOUL" STARTED #1

Moe?
Then I wanna write something moe!
Woo hoo!
*Mr. T is about half "old man" already, so he doesn't really keep up with new cultural developments!
No, whatever you want
should be fine
So I guess, for my next one, I should write another manga like Bonnouji?
alcohol
in-charge: Mr. T
So basically I want to draw something with lots of cute girls!
Uh huh
Well, that works
do what you want
Uh huh
That's all!
the main selling point has to be that it's "a manga where the girls are cute"!
For me, for something to be called a "moe manga"
EXCITED
PROUDLY
↑not interested


Is something that..cosmetic good enough?
A main character without glasses?
Sorry That was a joke.
Oh?
Such as?
I want to try doing something I haven't done before!
Ah! Also,

Thanks in advance for your support ..(ˉ;.;)!!

At the time of this meeting, I was playing the heck out of MTG and the TeniPuri card game, and just really wanted to play against another girl player (also I was drunk).

Credits & Notes

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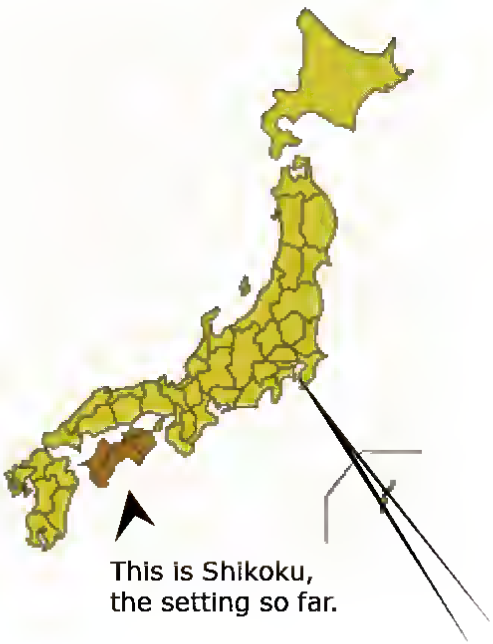
Note on the card game:
Numeric values are the same as MTG, just multiplied by 500.
A 1/1 is a 500/500, and you have 10,000 life to start.

Also, yes, your ranking in WS affects your school grades in this crazy, crazy setting.



This is Shikoku, the setting so far.

Tokyo is over here.

Pachinko is kind of like slots. It's a crazy popular, quasi-legal gambling "game" in Japan. It's looked down on as kind of shady by the majority of folks though (and for good reason). Give it a google if you're interested.